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For: RF COUPLED IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE WITH RECHARGEABLE BACK-UP POWER SOURCE ) Examiner: Kennedy Schaetzle  
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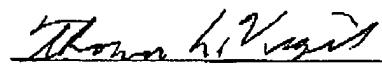
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